



**Forest Order No. STF-16-2016-06
Stanislaus National Forest
Moderate Fire Hazard Area
Temporary Fire Restrictions**

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), and to provide for public safety and protect natural resources, the following acts are prohibited within the Moderate Fire Hazard Area of the Stanislaus National Forest, as shown on Exhibit A, and described in Exhibit B and Exhibit C. This Order is effective from August 6th, 2016, through the end of the official 2016 fire season.

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire, except within the stoves and fire rings provided in the Developed Recreation Sites, as shown in Exhibit C. 36 CFR 261.52(a).
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, within a Developed Recreation Site listed in Exhibit C, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. 36 CFR 261.52(d).
3. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame.
36 CFR 61.52(i).
4. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed and maintained in effective working order.
36 CFR 261.52(j)

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

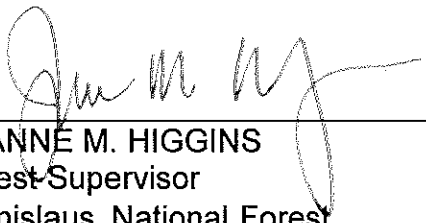
1. Persons with a permit from the Forest Service specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Persons with a valid California Campfire Permit are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above. However, persons with a valid California Campfire Permit may use a portable stove or lantern using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel on National Forest System lands within the Moderate Hazard Areas.
3. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

4. Persons with a Special Use Permit from the Forest Service for a recreation residence on National Forest System lands within the Moderate Hazard Areas are not exempt from the prohibitions listed above. However, persons with a Special Use Permit from the Forest Service for a recreation residence on National Forest System lands within Moderate Hazard Area may use a campfire or stove fire at their recreation residence.

These prohibitions are in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

A violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual or \$10,000.00 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. 16 USC 551 and 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581.

Executed in Sonora, CA, this 5th day of August, 2016.



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Mokelumne
Wilderness

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Exhibit A

Description begins here

Mokelumne Wilderness

LOW

MODERATE

HIGH

Carson-Iceberg Wilderness

LOW

Emigrant Wilderness

LOW

MODERATE

HIGH

LEGEND

Fire Hazard Areas

- High Fire Hazard Area
- Moderate Fire Hazard Area
- Low Fire Hazard Area

Wilderness Boundaries - NF

- Ranger Districts
- Campfire, Restrictions, Managed by Eldorado NF

Transportation

- SECONDARY HIGHWAY
- ROAD, LIGHT DUTY, PAVED
- ROAD, LIGHT DUTY, GRAVEL
- ROAD, IMPROVED, DIRT
- ROAD, UNIMPROVED, DIRT
- 4WD ROUTE
- TRAIL

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Aug. 12, 2016
 L. Gentry

August 2, 2016
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The Stanislaus National Forest Moderate Fire Hazard Area boundary begins at the junction of Forest Road No. 7N16 and Forest Road No. 7N09 in Section 11, T7N R16E, then continues 10 miles southeast along Forest Road No. 7N09 to its intersection with Highway 4, then continues 3 miles east along Highway 4 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 7N01 (Spicer Meadow Road), then continues 3 miles south along Forest Road No. 7N01 (Spicer Meadow Road) to the North Fork Stanislaus River, then continues 3 miles west along the North Fork Stanislaus River to Highland Creek, then continues 6 miles southeast along Highland Creek to Spicer Meadow Reservoir, then continues 2 miles east along the south shore of Spicer Meadow Reservoir to the Carson Iceberg Wilderness boundary, then continues 22 miles south and then northeast along the Carson Iceberg Wilderness boundary to the Clark Fork River, then continues 2 miles west along the Clark Fork River to Forest Road No. 20E58, then continues 1.5 miles west along Forest Road No. 20E58 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 7N76A , then continues 0.5 miles southwest along Forest Road No. 7N76A to the end of the road, then continues 0.3 miles due west to the Clark Fork River, then continues 4 miles west along the Clark Fork River to Forest Road No. 7N83, then continues 1 mile south along Forest Road No. 7N83 to its intersection with Highway 108, then continues 7 miles southwest along Highway 108 to Mill Creek, then continues 4 miles east along Mill Creek to Forest Road No. 19EV114, then continues 2 miles west along Forest Road No. 19EV114 Road to its intersection with Forest Road No. 4N12, then continues 5 miles south along Forest Road No. 4N12 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 5N31, then continues 2 miles south and west along Forest Road No. 5N31 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 5N55Y, then continues east for 1 mile along Forest Road No. 5N55Y to Forest Trail No. 19E31, then continues 1 mile south along the Forest Trail No. 19E31 to the Emigrant Wilderness boundary, then continues 14 miles south along the Emigrant Wilderness boundary to the SW ¼ Section 32, T3N R9E, then continues 0.6 mile due west to Reynolds Creek and its junction with Forest Road No. 3N01, then continues 15 miles west along Forest Road No. 3N01 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 4N33,

then continues 8 miles north along Forest Road No. 4N33 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 4N26 (Crabtree Road), then continues 7 miles west on Forest Road No. 4N26 (Crabtree Road) to its intersection with Highway 108, then continues 15 miles north on Highway 108 to Niagara Creek, then continues 1.5 miles northwest along Niagara Creek to the Donnell Lake south shore, then continues 1.5 miles west along the Donnell Lake south shore to the Middle Fork Stanislaus River, then continues 4 miles southwest along the Middle Fork Stanislaus River to Basin Creek, then continues 1 mile along Basin Creek to its intersection with Forest Road No. 6N05, then continues 2 miles south along the Forest Road No. 6N05 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 5N14, then continues 19 miles along Forest Road No. 5N14 north and east to its intersection with Forest Road No. 6N17, then continues 3 miles north along Forest Road No. 6N17 to the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 24, T6N R16E, then continues 1.5 miles due northwest across the North Fork Stanislaus River to the junction of Highway 4 and Forest Road No. 7N23, then continues 6 miles north along Forest Road No. 7N23 to its intersection with Forest Road No. 7N09, then continues 11 miles west and north along Forest Road No. 7N09 back to the starting point, as shown on the attached map.

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Exhibit C**

Moderate Hazard Area

MIWOK RANGER DISTRICT

Hull Creek Campground

CALAVERAS RANGER DISTRICT

Big Meadow Campground

SUMMIT RANGER DISTRICT

Cottonwood Picnic Area

Clark Fork Campground

Clark Fork Horse Camp

Crabtree Campground

Donnell Vista Picnic Area

Fence Creek Campground

Herring Creek Campground

Kerrick Horsecamp

Meadowview Campground

Pioneer Trail Group Campground

Pinecrest Campground

Pinecrest Lake Picnic Area

Pinevalley Horsecamp

Sand Flat Campground



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Temporary Fire Restrictions in the Moderate Hazard Area

To: Project File

 From: Jeanne M. Higgins, Forest Supervisor

The Moderate Fire Hazard Area of the Stanislaus National Forest is located in Calaveras, Alpine, and Tuolumne Counties, California. The Forest's Fire Management Reference System (Appendix A, Wildland Fire Management Program Implementation) and Forest Service Manual (FSM) 5110.4 provide authority and guidance on implementing actions that reduce the risk of certain ignition sources during periods of high fire risk.

Criteria for activating prohibitions in the Moderate Fire Hazard Area through a forest order are based on National Fire Danger Rating System indices and fuel moisture conditions. The indices that can trigger fire restrictions in the Moderate Fire Hazard Area are: Burning Index is 80 or greater for three consecutive days with a predicted stable or upward trend; dead fuel moisture content for thousand-hour time lag fuels are less than 13%; and Energy Release Component greater than 82.

The Forest currently meets all of the criteria for activating Moderate Fire Hazard Area fire restrictions using the Mt. Elizabeth weather station as the representative site. Combinations of the data above threshold levels for multiple days along with upward trending data indicate a need for restricting potential fire-causing activities of persons in the Moderate Fire Hazard Area.

These restrictions are believed to be the most immediate and effective method to reduce the potential for loss of life and property, and to protect the physical, biological, and cultural resources of the forest from fire. In response to the situation described, the Forest Service will issue a temporary Forest Order prohibiting the following activities in the Moderate Fire Hazard Area of the Stanislaus National Forest:

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2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, within a Developed Recreation Site listed in Exhibit C, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material. 36 CFR 261.52(d).



3. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame. 36 CFR 261.52(i).
4. Using an explosive. 36 CFR 261.52(b).

These actions are determined to be administrative in nature. Minimal ground disturbance will occur, and no other additional impact on any natural resources will occur with the implementation of this proposed action. The public notification of these restrictions will occur via a press announcement published by the local newspapers and postings in public places of the National Forest's facilities. The Forest Service will install signs along roads entering the Moderate Fire Hazard Area to alert the public to these fire restrictions.

I have concluded that this decision may be categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act. This action falls within the category identified in 36 CFR 220.6(d)(1) – prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety – and does not require documentation in a decision memo, decision notice, or record of decision. I have determined that there are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this temporary closure. Implementation of the decision may begin immediately.

cc: Heidi Rieck, Rob Laeng